







THIS IS...
OUR TOWN.

THE
SNOWING
TOWN,
"BIG HORN."



NAMI, IT'S A
TOWN! WE'RE
FINALLY AT A
TOWN FULL OF
PEOPLE!

A REAL
SNOW
COUNTRY
FOR SURE!

THEY GOT
SOME WEIRD
ANIMALS
WALKING
AROUND.

NO,
THEY'RE
ALL
NORMAL
CIVILIANS.

...THIS COUNTRY
DOESN'T HAVE
ANY PROFESSIONAL
SOLDIERS, DOES IT?

FOR THE
TIME BEING,
COME TO
MY HOUSE.

THEY SHOULD
POSE NO HARM.

YOU SURE YOU
CAN HANDLE
ALL OF'EM
YOURSELF,
DALTON? THEY
ARE PIRATES.

THOSE
THAT AREN'T ON
GUARD-DUTY CAN
NOW RETURN TO
THEIR NORMAL
JOBS.

GOOD
WORK,
EVERYONE.

OR AT LEAST,
THAT'S WHAT
MY RELIABLE
GUT INSTINCT
TELLS ME...

REST ASSURED,
EVERYTHING IS UNDER
CONTROL, MADAM.

IS
EVERYTHING
ALRIGHT?

DALTON,
I HEARD
THERE WERE
PIRATES.

ANOTHER
ONE!?

AH! LOOK,
LUFFY! A
HIKING
BEAR!

I BEAR
TOO MANY
SINS FOR
SUCH A
POSITION.

T-THAT'S
PREPOS-
TEROUS!

EVERY-
ONE SAYS
THEY'LL
BE VOTING
FOR YOU.

DALTON! I'LL
BE LOOKING
FORWARD TO
THE ELECTIONS
IN TWO DAYS.

I'LL GO HEAT
UP THE ROOM
RIGHT NOW...

YOU CAN
USE THE BED
OVER THERE.

PLEASE
FORGIVE
OUR HOSTILE
WELCOME.

MY NAME IS
DALTON AND IT IS
MY JOB TO GUARD
THIS ISLAND.

MY APO-
LOGIES FOR
THE BELATED
INTRODUC-
TION...

HM?

I'D LIKE
TO ASK
YOU ONE
THING...

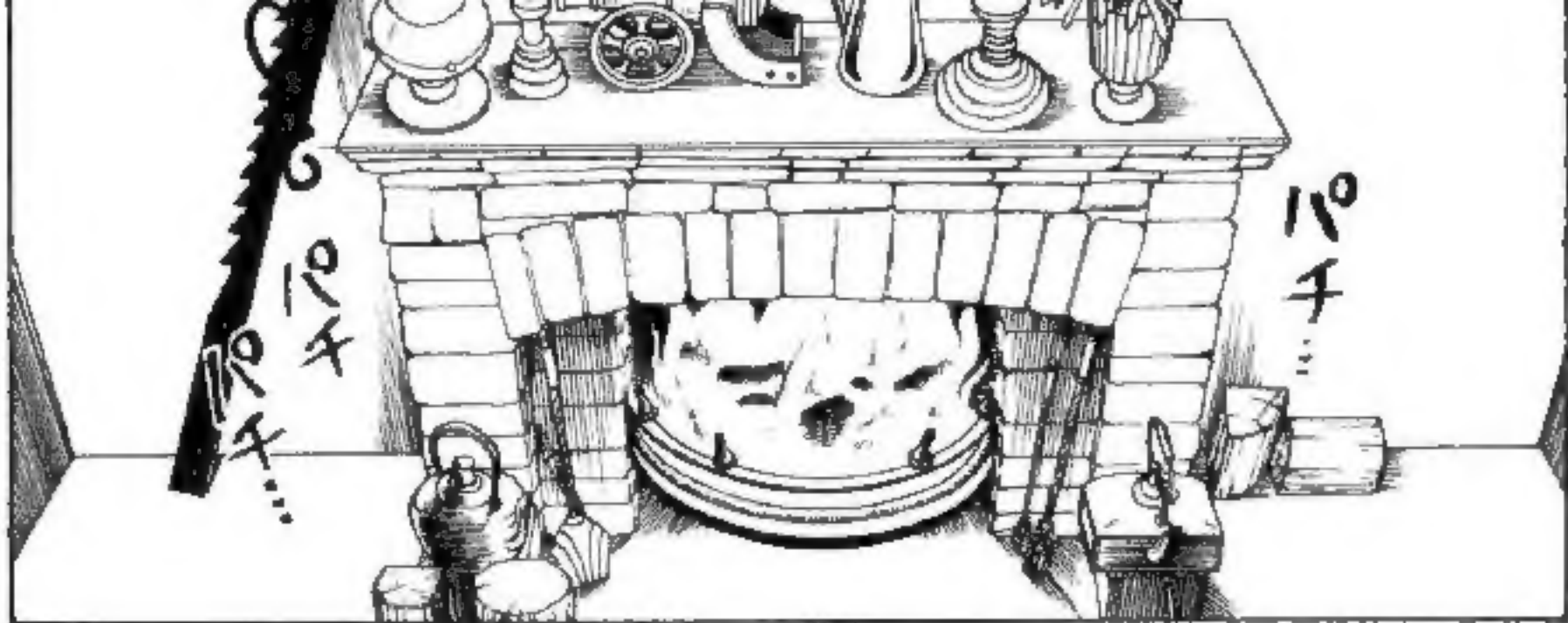
THAT I'VE
SEEN YOU
BEFORE
SOME-
WHERE...

I GET THE
FEELING,

Y-YOU MUST
BE IMAGINING
THINGS. I'M
SURE WE'VE
NEVER MET
BEFORE... MORE
IMPORTANTLY,
COULD YOU
PLEASE TELL
US MORE ABOUT
THIS WITCH...?

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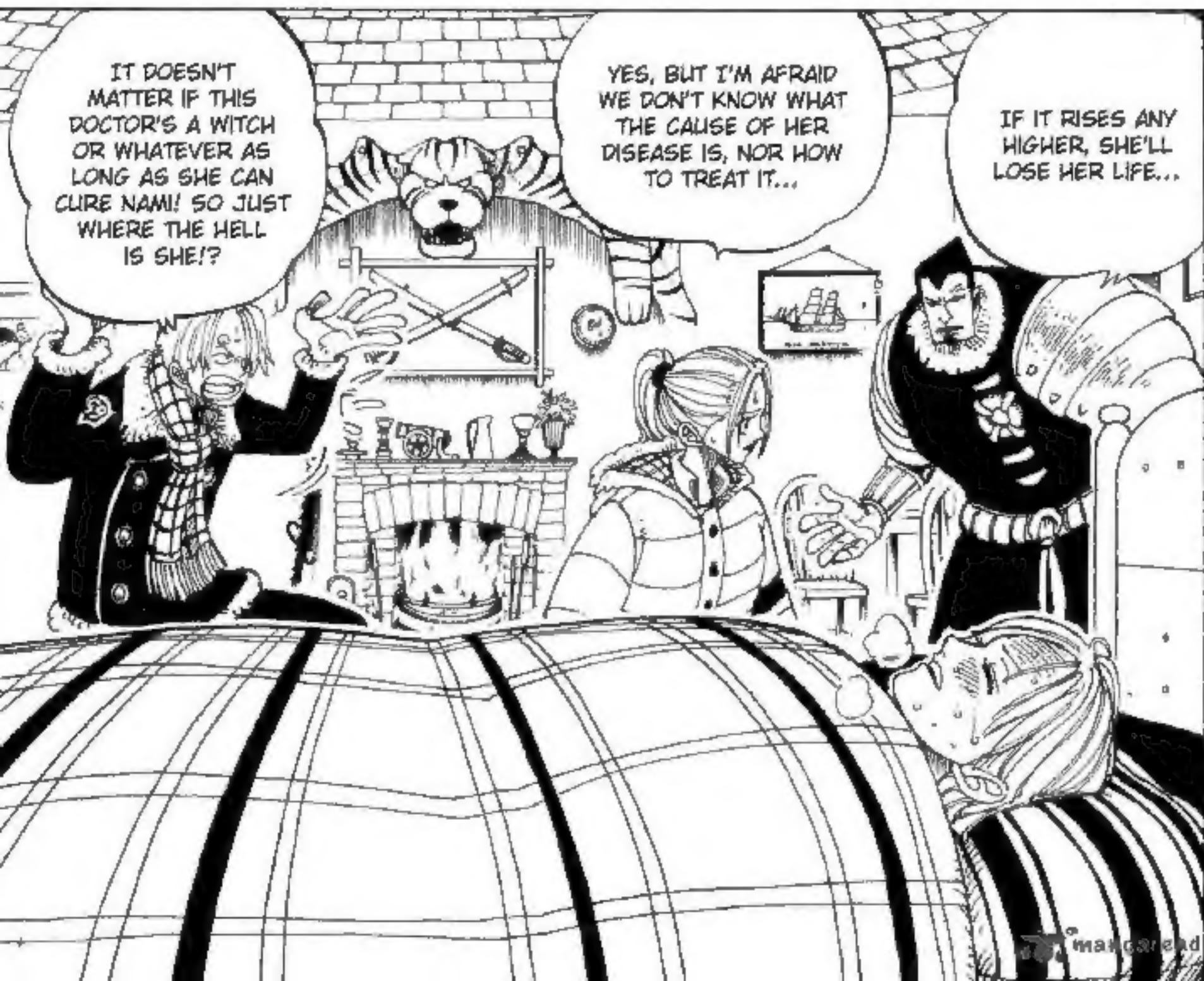
DRUM ISLAND
CAPTAIN OF THE
CIVILIAN MILITIA
DALTON



HER FEVER'S
BEEN RISING
STEADILY SINCE
3 DAYS AGO...



A FEVER OF...
42 DEGREES!?



IT DOESN'T
MATTER IF THIS
DOCTOR'S A WITCH
OR WHATEVER AS
LONG AS SHE CAN
CURE NAMI! SO JUST
WHERE THE HELL
IS SHE!?

YES, BUT I'M AFRAID
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT
THE CAUSE OF HER
DISEASE IS, NOR HOW
TO TREAT IT...

IF IT RISES ANY
HIGHER, SHE'LL
LOSE HER LIFE...

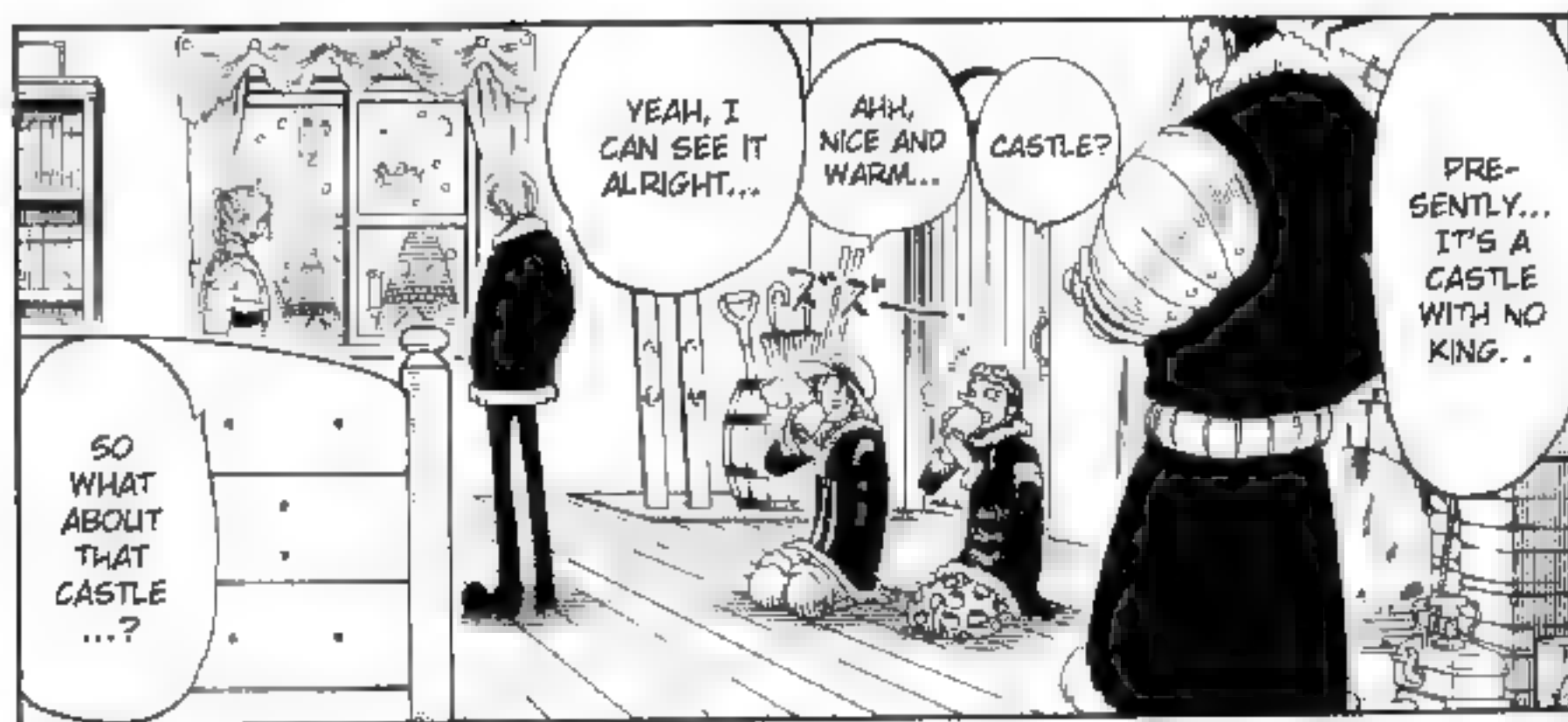




PERHAPS YOU
CAN SEE A CASTLE
AT THE TOP OF THE
TALLEST MOUNTAIN
IN THE MIDDLE?



THOSE
MOUNTAINS
ARE CALLED
THE DRUM
ROCKIES.



SO
WHAT
ABOUT
THAT
CASTLE
...?

YEAH, I
CAN SEE IT
ALRIGHT...

AHH,
NICE AND
WARM...

CASTLE?

PRE-
SENTLY...
IT'S A
CASTLE
WITH NO
KING..



LIVES IN
THAT VERY
CASTLE
SITUATED
ON THE
MOUNTAINTOP.

WHAT!?

DR. KUREHA,
THE LONE
DOCTOR IN
THIS ENTIRE
COUNTRY
WHOM THE
PEOPLE CALL
A WITCH,





HEEEEEE HEE
HEE HEE HEE!

ACCORDING
TO CERTAIN
EYEWITNESSES,

THAT IS WHY
THE PEOPLE
CALL HER A
WITCH...

SHE
SUPPOSEDLY
RIDES DOWN
ON A SLEIGH
ON MOOTLIT
NIGHTS...



I JUST KNEW THERE
HAD TO BE WITCHES
AND YETIS LURKING
AMONG THE SNOWY
MOUNTAIN PEAKS!

GAHHH! I KNEW IT!
I WARNED YOU GUYS!
I TOLD YOU GUYS ABOUT
THE SNOW MONSTERS!

AAAAHH! PLEASE,
GOD! DON'T LET
THEM FIND ME!

OTHERS HAVE
REPORTEDLY
SEEN A MOST
BIZARRE
CREATURE
TRAVELLING
ALONG WITH
HER...



HOW THE HELL IS
IT POSSIBLE FOR
THERE TO BE ONLY
ONE DOCTOR IN AN
ENTIRE COUNTRY!?

WHAT
IN THE
WORLD...



IN ANY CASE, I'M
AFRAID THE ONLY
THING YOU CAN DO
IS WAIT UNTIL SHE
COMES DOWN...

THAT
CAN'T
BE...

YES,
ALTHOUGH
SHE'S THIS
COUNTRY'S
ONLY DOCTOR,

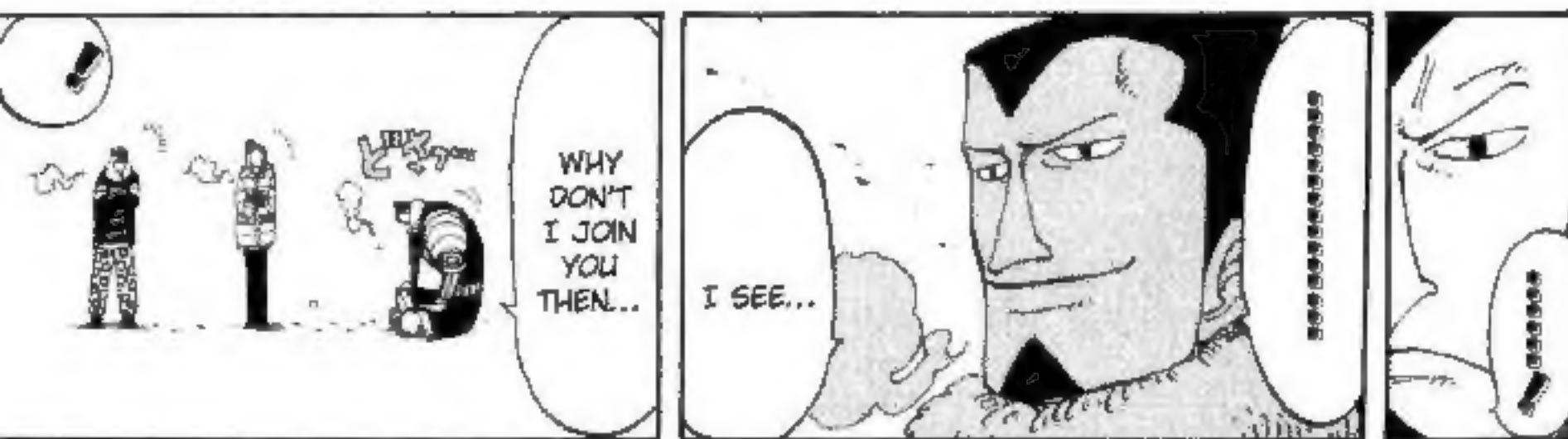
SHE'S ALSO
SOMEONE
WHO I'D
PREFER
TO HAVE
LITTLE TO
DO WITH...













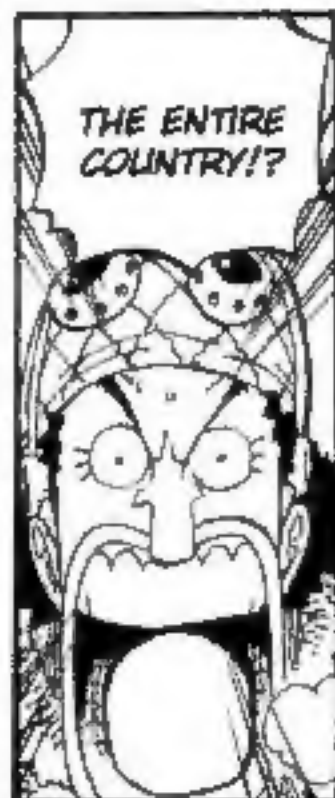
UTTERLY
DESTROYED
AT THE HANDS
OF PIRATES...!

ONLY A FEW
MONTHS AGO,
THIS COUNTRY
WAS...



YES... EVERYONE
IS STILL UNEASY AT
MERELY HEARING THE
WORD, "PIRATE"...

SO THAT'S
WHY YOU WERE
SO HOSTILE
TO US...



THE ENTIRE
COUNTRY!?

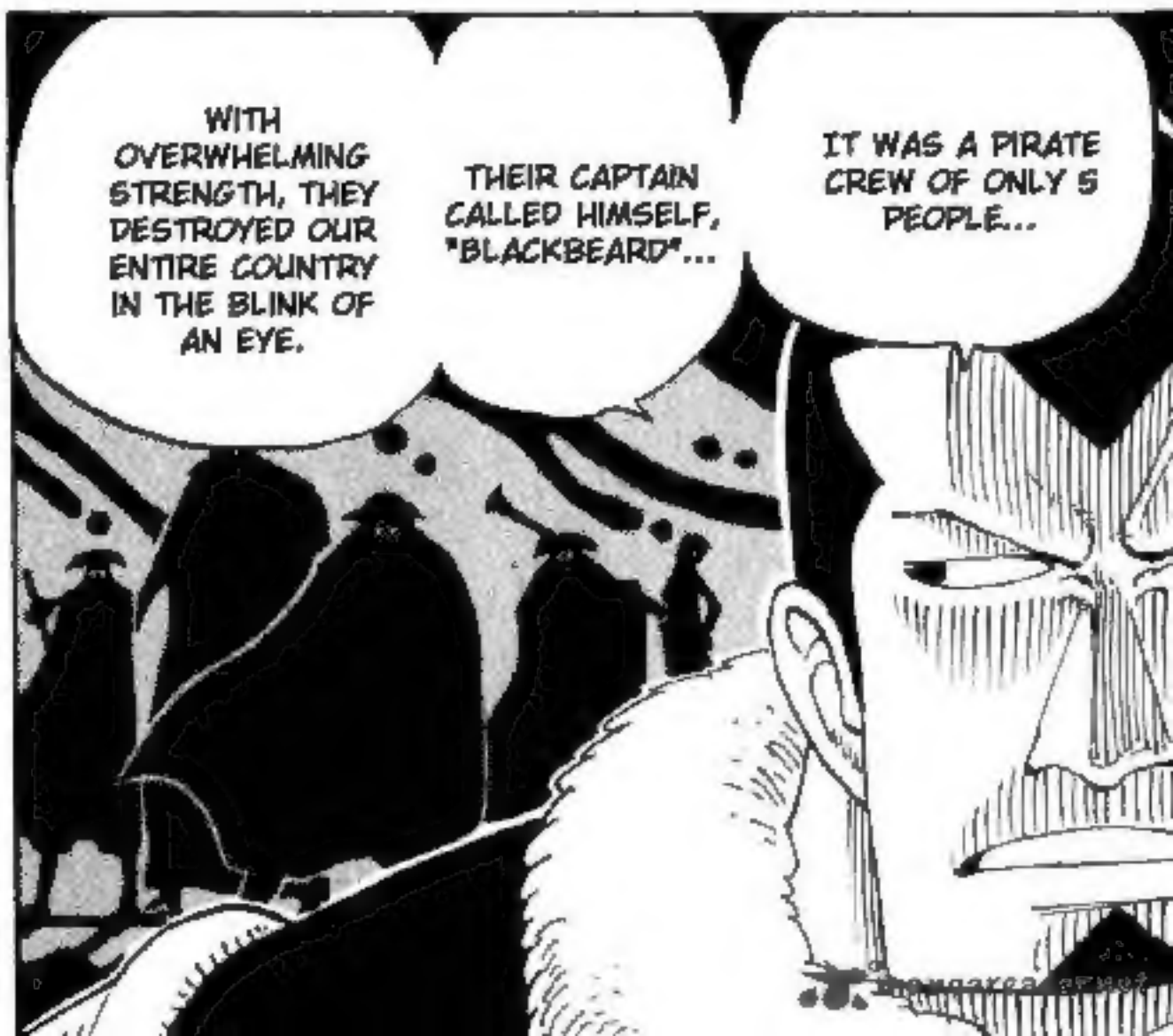


WHA-



O-ONLY FIVE
PIRATES!?
THAT'S CRAZY!

BLACK-
BEARD...?



WITH
OVERWHELMING
STRENGTH, THEY
DESTROYED OUR
ENTIRE COUNTRY
IN THE BLINK OF
AN EYE.

THEIR CAPTAIN
CALLED HIMSELF,
"BLACKBEARD"...

IT WAS A PIRATE
CREW OF ONLY 5
PEOPLE...



ONE PIECE PREVIEW! DRAFT INTRODUCTION!! PART 17

Note: Sketch of p.57 from Volume 16.

